

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

<i>In re</i> Patent Application of:	)	
R. Sam NIEDBALA <i>et al.</i>	)	Art Unit: 1797
Application No.: 09/997,023	)	Examiner: Lyle A. ALEXANDER
Filed: November 30, 2001	)	Confirmation No: 6134
For: SAMPLE COLLECTOR AND TEST	)	
DEVICE	)	Date: July 9, 2009

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**AMENDMENT/REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 9, 2009, a petition for two-month extension of time and appropriate extension of time fee payment being filed herewith, please amend the above-identified application and consider Applicants' remarks as follows.

**The Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.